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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION FRENCH/GUINEAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

REF: A. CONAKRY 1091; B. BAMAKO 2632

1. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESUMPTION FRENCH/GUINEAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CAME IN FORM OF GOG COMMUNIQUE READ OVER CONAKRY RADUB AT 1300 JULY 14 BY DAMANTANG CAMARA, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF PDG CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN PARIS AND AT UN IN NEW YORK, THOUGH SEKOU TOURE SCOOPED EVERYONE BY HIS SURPRISING BAMAKO SPEECH (REF B).

2. COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO FRENCH PRISONERS STILL IN GUINEAN JAILS, BUT DID NOT ANNOUNCE THEIR RELEASE. STATED ONLY THAT CERTAIN FRENCH CITIZENS WERE IN PRISON BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN "INVASION" OF GUINEA IN LATE 1970. COMMUNIQUE CONTINUED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT TRADITIONALLY REJECTS INTERFERENCE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND REGRETTED

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THAT CERTAIN OF ITS CITIZENS HAD NOT ADHERED TO THIS POLICY.

THUS INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN PARIS AND CONAKRY (PRIMARILY
UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ANDRE LEWIN) FOUND COMPROMISE
FORMULA WHICH MET SEKOU TOURE'S DEMANDS FOR FRENCH "APOLOGY"
AND WHICH GOF COULD ALSO ACCEPT.

3. COMMUNIQUE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS
WOULD LEAD VERY SOON TO EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES.
STATES THAT OUTSTANDING UNRESOLVED ISSUES (OBVIOUSLY INCLUDING
PRISONERS) WOULD NOW BE DISCUSSED IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

4. FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE, GUINEAN VOICE OF REVOLUTION BROADCAST
RECORDED STATEMENT BY ANDRE LEWIN, WHICH EXPRESSED GRATITUDE
TO GOG AND GUINEAN PEOPLE FOR HELPING HIM COMPLETE HIS LONG
MISSION AS UN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN GOG AND BOTH BONN AND
PARIS, ENTAILING ELEVEN VISITS TO CONAKRY. LEWIN'S LENGTHY
STATEMENT CONTAINED SUCH ELOQUENT GRACE NOTES ABOUT SEKOU TOURE
AND GUINEA AS TO RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT LEWIN HIMSELF MAY BE
CANDIDATE FOR FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONAKRY. HE IS VERY MUCH PERSONA
GRATA AND WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE ALTHOUGH SUCH
APPOINTMENT MIGHT NOT BE LOGICAL PROGRESSION IN HIS OWN CAREER.

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